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FISHERY UPDATE



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HOONAH SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE #1

Sitka . . . Today, the department conducted the first aerial survey of the Hoonah Sound area.

No herring schools or herring spawn were observed on today's flight, however herring predators were observed in the vicinity of traditional spawning areas. Four humpback whales were observed in open waters south of Emmons Island and one whale was observed south of Moser Island. Sea lion observations included 45 along the eastern shoreline of Emmons Island, 13 at Vixen Islands, 11 south of Emmons Island, 10 at Ushk Point, 10 at Otstoia Island, 8 along the eastern shoreline of Moser Island, and 16 at Point Reynard in the South Arm.

Herring spawning began on April 20 in 2011 and the earliest spawn on record began on April 13 of 1990.

The next aerial survey will be planned for Sunday or Monday.

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